GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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PRICE OF PATENT REGIME MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that Indian public are not deprived of newer drugs at affordable prices under drug price control order;

(b) whether already manufactured medicines which are under patent regime will continue to be available to the Indian masses at the same prices; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS & MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (c) : The Drug Policies, as announced from time to time, are directed towards ensuring abundant availability of quality drugs at reasonable prices. Patents for medicines are covered by the Patent Act,1970. The power of the Government under Drugs (Prices Control) Order,1995, to take corrective measures where the public interest is found to be adversely affected, applies to patented medicines also.